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In re Patent Application of

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FOR: INTERLEAVING METHOD AND SYSTEM

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before beginning examination, kindly amend the above-identified application  
as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 5-9, 19-23 and 33-37 as follows.

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5. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the interleaving  
depth and interleaving method type are selected according to the quality of the symbol  
block load.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the interleaving  
depth and interleaving method type are changed on the basis of the measurements car-  
ried out on the transmission channel.

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